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**CANBY MAN INDICTED FOR DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

SACRAMENTO-- United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a three-count indictment charging JONATHAN R. HASSLER, 32, of Canby, California, with distributing and possessing child pornography.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Carolyn K. Delaney, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment and complaint previously filed in this case allege that on two separate dates HASSLER distributed child pornography to an undercover FBI agent posing as a 14 year old girl whom he had met in an internet chat group.

If convicted, the maximum penalty under federal law for each offense of distributing child pornography is twenty years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, and supervised release for life.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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